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By T. L.

With Allowance.



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Though long I have been absent yet I thought on But since thou art returned this I'll assure thee  
O my heart it was alwayes with pretty Betty (thee It is thou art the man that my Husband shall be.

Then come my own dearest to the Tabern lets go' Although that some spais now adapes probes un-  
Whereas wee'll be merry for an hour or two Yet ile never change my old Love for a new, (true  
Singly together we both will agree My promise ile keep while life remains in me  
And ile drink a good health to my pretty Betty. For tis thou art the man that my husband shall be.

And when we have done to the Church we will hy I have been courted by many a proper youth  
Whereas wee'll be joynd in Matrymony, If thou wilt beleive me ile tell thee the truth  
And alwayes ile be a kind husband to thee But all my affections I have set on thee  
If that thou wilt be my wife pretty Betty. For thou art the man that my husband shall be

I will kisse thee and hug thee all night in my arms, Then Dearest be not discontented in mind,  
Ile be careful of thee and keep thee from harins For to thee I'le alwayes prove a loving & kind  
I will love thee dearly in every degree So I ordno; knight ile have If they would have me  
For my heart it is fixed on pretty Betty. For tis thou art the man that my husband shall be.

For thee I will robe and sail far and near If that I might gain a whole Ship-load of money.  
The dangerous rough sea shall not put me in fear I would not forsake my true Love & my  
If I do get treasure I'll bring it to thee, No wealth no; yet riches shall force or tempt me  
And I'll venture my life for my pretty Betty. To forsake him who ever my true Love shall be.

And more then all this ile tell thee my Dear. This lusty brave seaman & his dearest Dear  
I will bring thee home rich & jewels for to wear, Was married full speedily as I did hear,  
And many new fashions I will provide thee Now they both together do live happily  
So that none shall compare unto pretty Betty. And he vows to love his pretty Betty.

Then come mine own Dearest & grant me t' y Love He is ever joy'd now he has gain'd his mate  
Both loyal & constant to thee I will prove, They do Love and live without strife and debate,  
If that thou wilt put trust & beleif in me He is kind unto her in every degree  
I vow here to Love none but pretty Betty. So I with him well to enjoy pretty Betty.

Betty's reply wherein she shews her Love,  
Promising him alwayes constant to prove.

O welcome my Dearest welcome to the shore  
Thy absence so long hath troubled me sore

All you young men & maidens pray learn by my song  
To be true to your sweet hearts & to them no long  
Dote constant and, us and not false-hearted be,  
And so I will now conclude n y new ditty.  
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